

Sanctions for Noncompliance with Meal Pattern Requirements

Purpose:

This instruction sets forth the policy to establish the procedures that the State Agency will follow in levying sanctions against School Food Authorities for noncompliance with program meal requirements.

Scope:

Sponsors participating in the National School Lunch (NSLP) and/or School Breakfast Program (SBP).

Description:

This policy covers all aspects of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program meal requirements, namely, 1) all meal components are offered, 2) minimum requirements of each component for each age/grade level are met, 3) Offer versus Serve provision is properly implemented, and 4) fluid milk is offered in the National School Lunch Program.

Meals served on the day of the review that do not meet the meal pattern requirements will not be eligible for federal or state reimbursement. The School Food Authority shall not include these disallowed meals in the monthly claim for reimbursement. Notification will be sent to the School Food Authority identifying the deficiencies and indicating the number of meals that were disallowed. School Food Authorities will be required to submit corrective action procedures to the State Agency. Additional violations of the same standard could result in suspension or termination of Program benefits.

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